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* 587 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have chalked out any programme about the future of the producers'-*cum*-consumers' co-operative societies of the Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer furnished to Madras Legislative Assembly starred question No. 586 given notice of by Sri K. Kunhi Mohamed Shafee, M.L.A., on the same subject."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" All the societies stopped dealing in foodgrains long ago, but their accounts with the Government have not been settled and the Government themselves are responsible for this. On account of that, the administration of these societies is not taken over by the Co-operative Department. The societies have, therefore, to carry on and they incur losses. Will the Government consider the question of transferring the administration of these societies to their own Co-operative Department and then adjust the claims of the Government so that these societies may not incur further losses? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall examine the suggestion."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that because the Department was not taking a sympathetic attitude and because of the indifference shown by the Department, many of the societies such as the Producers'-*cum*-consumers' Society at Angadipuram had to take a decision to go into liquidation? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid I cannot admit that there was any want of sympathy on the part of the Civil Supplies Department so far as these societies were concerned."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know whether the difficulty for the Government in complying with the request of these societies to be converted into multi-purpose societies is that there is some technical difficulty in respect of the existing rules and if so, will the Government be pleased to amend the rules so as to comply with the request made by the societies so that they may function hereafter usefully? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is not merely a technical difficulty that is felt. It is also felt that the District Banks that have lent money to the societies may be affected if these are converted into limited liability societies. A Special Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies with the necessary staff has been deputed to examine the condition of the societies and to see how they could be converted into normal societies."

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SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that this indecisive position of the multi-purpose societies is making them incur huge losses and that ultimately they will have to go into liquidation? Therefore, will the Government take a sympathetic attitude towards these societies and see that the existing rules are amended so that they may function as multi-purpose societies with limited liability? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As I have already stated, there is neither indecision nor want of sympathy in this matter. The Government have taken a decision that these societies cannot be converted into multi-purpose co-operative societies with limited liability. But, at the same time, a special staff is examining the condition of everyone of the societies so as to see into what form they could be converted."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Recently a conference of the representatives of Malabar producers'-*cum*-consumers' societies convened at the instance of the Registrar suggested that a small committee might be set up to examine the question. May I know whether the Government accept that suggestion? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Agrarian trouble in the Tanjore district.

* 588 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. the Chief Minister has received a representation, dated 20th June 1954, from Sri K. Anandan Nambiar, M.P., on the Mirasdar-Kisan relations in the Tanjore district;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table of the House;

(*c*) whether the allegations contained therein have been enquired into; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the findings of the enquiry on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) to (*d*) The allegations contained in the representation were examined by the Government and they considered that no action need be taken on those allegations. The Government also consider that it will not be in the public interests to place a copy of the letter on the table of the House."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" மந்திரி அவர்கள் கையில் வைத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கும் காகிதத்தில் என்ன விஷயங்கள் எழுதப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன, யார் மீது குற்றச்சாட்டுகள் சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்பதை யாவது மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "